

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for treating an ocular disease caused by a bacterial microbe in a subject, the method comprising administering into the eye of a subject, a pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a ~~collectin~~ tear surfactant protein.
- 2-5. (Canceled)
6. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[5]] 1, wherein said microbe is a gram-negative bacterium.
7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein said gram-negative bacterium is *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.
8. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said ocular disease is bacterial keratitis.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said subject is a contact-lens wearer.
10. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said ~~collectin~~ tear surfactant protein is applied topically.
11. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising administering a second therapeutic agent to said subject.
- 12-19 (Canceled)
20. (Previously presented) A method for treating an ocular disease caused by a bacterial microbe in a subject, the method comprising administering into the eye of a subject, a

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pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a surfactant protein.

21-22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the ~~collectin~~ tear surfactant protein is surfactant protein-D.

24. (Previously presented) A method for protecting corneal cells against bacterial invasion, the method comprising administering into the eye of a subject, a pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of surfactant protein-D.